

What we claim is:

1. A lighter comprising:
a housing;
5 a trigger slideably mounted on the housing and including a lever pivotably mounted on the trigger, the lever having a first, locked position for locking the lighter and a second position for permitting use of the lighter.
- 10 2. The lighter of claim 1, wherein, in the first position lies flush on a top face of the trigger.
3. The lighter of claim 2, wherein the lever extends in length to match a front face of the trigger.
- 15 4. The lighter of claim 1, wherein the lighter further comprises an interior plate positioned internally within the housing and defining an ignition cavity and a trigger cavity
- 20 5. The lighter of claim 4, wherein the trigger further comprises:
a trigger enclosure, comprising a first wall positioned in the housing adjacent to the interior plate and a second wall having an extension extending beyond an external face of the housing; and
a first spring, coupling the trigger to the lever, the spring for urging the lever to a position flush with a top face of the extension and defining a pivot point for the lever.
- 25 6. The lighter of claim 5, further comprising a slot, extending through the interior plate and the first wall of the trigger enclosure; and a latch, aligned with the slot and extending into the trigger enclosure, the latch extending through the interior plate of the lighter when the lighter is in the first, locked position.

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7. The lighter of claim 6, wherein the lever further comprises a lever lip positioned on an interior edge of the lever, extending perpendicularly from the lever into the trigger enclosure.

5 8. The lighter of claim 7, wherein the latch includes a latch lip, extending perpendicularly from a top surface of the latch towards the lever, wherein, when the lever rotates around the pivot point, the lever lip engages the latch lip to urge the latch out of the slot in the interior plate of the housing.

10 9. The lighter according to claim 9 further including a second spring, disposed in an interior of the trigger enclosure and coupled to the latch, the spring for urging the latch into the slot of the interior plate.

10. The lighter of claim 5, wherein the first spring is a torsion spring.

15 11. The lighter of claim 9 wherein the second spring is a torsion spring.

12. The lighter of claim 1, wherein the trigger comprises an extension portion that protrudes from the housing having ridges formed thereon.

20 13. The lighter of claim 5, wherein a first ignition medium is coupled to the trigger enclosure and extends into the ignition cavity, a second ignition medium is disposed within the ignition cavity, and wherein in the second position of the lever the trigger enclosure may be moved to cause contact between the first ignition medium and the
25 second ignition medium.

14. A child resistant lighter comprising:
a housing;
a trigger enclosure slideably mounted on the housing;

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a first ignition medium disposed a portion of the trigger enclosure within the housing; a second ignition medium disposed in the housing;

a slideable latch having a first position for prohibiting movement of the trigger enclosure within the housing and thereby prohibiting contact of the first ignition medium and the second ignition medium and a second position enabling movement of the trigger enclosure within the housing and thereby permitting contact of the first ignition medium and the second ignition medium; and

a lever, coupled to the trigger, for controlling movement of the latch.

15. The child resistant lighter of claim 14 wherein the lever is integrated with the trigger in such a manner as to make the lever indiscernible to a casual observer.

16. The child resistant lighter of claim 14 including a spring, coupled to the lever, for urging the lever to a position that prohibits contact of the lever with the latch.

17. The child resistant lighter of claim 14 including a spring, disposed in the trigger housing, for urging the latch in the first position that prohibits movement of the trigger enclosure within the housing.

18. The child resistant lighter of claim 14, wherein the lever is pivotally mounted to the trigger, and includes a lip that extends into the housing, the lip for engaging the latch when the lever is rotated about a pivot point to move the latch to the second position.

19. A lighter comprising:

a housing, the housing having an external shell and an internal plate extending there through defining an ignition cavity and a trigger cavity;

a trigger enclosure, having a first internal wall adjacent to the internal plate of the housing and a second wall having an extension that extends beyond the shell of the housing, the trigger comprising a lever mounted pivotally thereon;

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a latch, slideably positioned to extend through a slot, the slot extending through the internal plate of the housing and the internal wall of the trigger enclosure, the latch having a first position extending through the slot of the internal plate and the trigger enclosure to prevent movement of the trigger enclosure within the trigger cavity, and a second position extending into the trigger cavity and not within the slot of the internal plate, thereby permitting movement of the trigger enclosure within the trigger cavity, wherein movement of the latch to the second position is controlled by the lever.

20. The lighter of claim 19 comprising a first spring for urging the latch to the first position and a second spring for urging the lever to a position wherein it does not contact the latch.
21. The lighter of claim 20 wherein the lever pivots between a first position where it lies flush on an external surface of the trigger, the first position of the lever being the position wherein it does not contact the latch, and a second position wherein it is raised off of the trigger.
22. The lighter of claim 21, wherein the shell of the housing includes a depression for accommodating the lever when the lever is raised off of the trigger.
23. The lighter of claim 20 wherein the movement of the trigger enclosure within the trigger cavity results in ignition of the lighter.
24. A lighter comprising:
- a housing, the housing including a first ignition means and a second ignition means, the contact of the first and second ignition means resulting in ignition of the lighter;
 - a trigger, the movement thereof for causing contact of the first and second ignition means;
 - means for preventing movement of the trigger; and
 - means, pivotally mounted on the trigger, for enabling movement of the trigger.

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25. The lighter of claim 24, wherein the means for preventing movement of the trigger includes a latch, internal to the housing, for blocking the movement of the trigger along a fixed path within the housing.
26. The lighter of claim 25, wherein the means for preventing movement of the trigger includes a spring, internal to the housing, for urging the latch in a position that blocks movement of the trigger along the fixed path.
27. The lighter of claim 25, wherein the means for enabling movement of the trigger includes means for moving the latch.
28. The lighter of claim 27, wherein the means for moving the latch comprises a lever, pivotally mounted by a spring on the trigger, capable of rotating around the spring and contacting the latch to cause movement of the latch.
29. The lighter of claim 24 wherein the means for preventing movement of the trigger comprises means for disabling the means for enabling movement of the trigger.
30. The lighter of claim 24, wherein the means for disabling comprises a spring, urging the means for enabling movement of the trigger into a disabled position.
31. The lighter of claim 24 wherein the means for enabling is disguised as part of the trigger.
32. A method of lighting a lighter having a housing, a trigger slideably mounted on the housing and a lever pivotally mounted on the trigger, the method comprising the steps of:
- inserting a digit between the lever and the trigger to cause the lever to lift off of the trigger, and thus causing the lever to engage a latch internal to the lighter that prevents movement of the trigger within the housing, and thereby move the latch to a position enabling movement of the trigger;
- sliding the trigger on the housing to cause a first ignition means mounted on the housing to contact a second ignition means within the housing, resulting in ignition of the lighter.